Coconino County Sheriff's Office

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Doney Park Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2009 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Cromer School

Flagstaff, AZ – Coconino County Sheriff Bill Pribil and District 4 Supervisor Mandy Metzger would like to invite residents of the Doney Park community to attend the monthly Neighborhood Watch meeting on **Thursday, September 3, 2009.** The meeting will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Cromer School, 7150 N. Koch Field Road.

Coconino County Sheriff's Deputies and District 4 Supervisor Mandy Metzger will be at the meeting to encourage continued neighborhood participation and to share information. Doney Park Community Deputies will be available to answer questions and provide support to this partnership between law abiding citizens, law enforcement and county government.

John Grahame who is a Founder of Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition and who also serves as the County Program Coordinator for the Sustainable Economic Development Initiative will give a presentation on the Flagstaff Dark Skies Initiative and will have suggestions on sensible lighting alternatives. Representatives of the Coconino County Public Works Department will discuss the Winter Season that is upon us and county snow plowing efforts.

Coconino County Sheriff's Community Deputies will discuss recent activity in the Doney Park Neighborhood and will be available to discuss concerns community members may have.

Neighborhood Watch is similar to the Block Watch program commonly conducted in urban areas, and goes back to the concept of "neighbors looking out for neighbors" that many people remember from 30 years ago. It is one of the most effective ways to prevent and deter criminal activity, attend to home and personal security, address the safety of our children and the elderly and to alleviate fear and isolation. Residents will learn how to observe and report suspicious activity and reduce the risk of becoming a crime victim.

For more information about the Neighborhood Watch program and the meeting schedule, please call the Coconino County Sheriff's Office at (928) 226-5089.